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SUMMARY. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH GOS OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRIMARY PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT (PPD). BOTH DEPARTMENTS GENERALLY AGREE WITH USG THINKING ON PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE. AT THIS POINT GOS DOES NOT PLAN SEND DELEGATION TO WFC IN NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA AND PPD OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFFS THEY AGREE WITH USG POSITION ON CONFERENCE. LIM EWE HOCK, PPD DIRECTOR, IS OF OPINION THAT AGENDA AS PROPOSED IN FIRST PREPCOM REPORT IS FAR TO BROAD. HE BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE NARROWED ALONG LINES OF USG PROPOSALS PER REFTELS. LIM IS IN AGREEMENT WITH USG THAT WHILE POPULATION, SHIPPING RATES AND TRADE BARRIERS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THEY BEST RESOLVED OUTSIDE OF WFC. BOTH MFA AND PPD WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO SEE CONFERENCE ADDRESS PROBLEM OF RISING FOOD PRICES SINCE INFLATION BECOMING MAJOR PROBLEM IN SINGAPORE.

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2. LIM EWE HOCK TOLD EMBOFF GOS HAS NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPCOMS OR CONFERENCE ITSELF. LIM BELIEVES CONFERENCE IS IMPORTANT AND TIMELY BUT SAID SINGAPORE WOULD HAVE LITTLE VOICE IN IT. HE REASONED THAT AS SINGAPORE NOT SIGNIFICANT FOOD PRODUCER OR IMPORTER, HER VIEWS WOULD BE LARGELY DISCOUNTED. LIM WOULD BE PRIMARY CANDIDATE TO HEAD DELEGATION IF GOS DECIDES TO ATTEND WFC.
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